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SUBJ: CIVAIR - FRENCH DENIAL OF BERLIN ORIGIN CHARTER

FLIGHTS

REF: BONN 7988, STATE 112553

1. GARDNER, DEPT OF TRADE, CONFIRMED THAT GOF HAD STOPPED LAKER'S BERLIN-PARIS CHARTERS. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT DOT HAD BEEN PREPARED TAKE VERY TOUGH LINE WITH FRENCH ABOUT NEW POLICY BUT HAD BEEN COUNSELED NOT TO BY FCO AND BY LAKER. LAKER CONCERNED THAT UNDUE PRESSURE MIG/HT JEOPARDIZE AIRLINES OTHER BERLIN CHARTERS DESTINED FOR OTHER PARTS OF FRANCE. HE ALSO ADMITTED TO DOT THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD APPLIED TO GOF FOR PERMISSION TO OPERATE RECENT BERLIN-PARIS CHARTERS, HE HAD STARTED OPERATING THEM BEFORE HE HAD RECEIVED ANY REPLY THEREBY UNDERCUTTING HMG ABILITY TO PROTEST FRENCH ACTION IN STOPPING FLIGHTS.

2. GARDNER SAID GOF MAY BE CONSIDERING A "FIRST REFUSAL" POLICY ON BERLIN ORIGINATING CHARTER FLIGHTS. UNDER TERMS THIS POLICY FRENCH CARRIERS WOULD HAVE TO BE OFFERED BERLIN-FRANCE CHARTER FLIGHTS AND REFUSE TO OPERATE THEM BEFORE US OR BRITISH AIRLINE WOULD BE GIVEN PERMISSION FOR FLIGHTS FROM GOF. PRE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUMABLY, FRENCH WOULD HOPE TO PERSUADE BRITISH TO ACCEPT

THIS CONCEPT BY SUGGESTING THAT UK ADOPT SIMILAR FIRST REFUSAL POLICY ON ALL BERLIN-UK CHARTER FLIGHTS. NEEDLESS TO SAY, ADOPTION OF FIRST REFUSAL POLICY ON BERLIN-ORIGINATING CHARTER FLIGHTS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO US AVIATION INTERESTS.

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